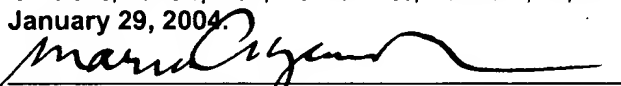


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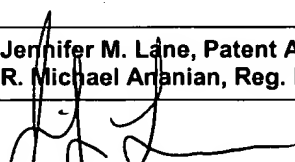
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows:

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